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Artist Acro

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CHAPTER 2:
ACRO, HE KNOWS
THE PRESENT.

SWOOOSH
A "WALL OF FLAMES"... HUH.
SQUISH
ACHIH
AGRO-SAN, IT'S DANGEROUS TO GET SO CLOSE
OOH SO THE SITUATION IS THAT THE LORD OF THIS PLACE SEALED YOU IN WITH THIS WALL
BY THE WAY IT'S A PRETTY STRONG FLAME
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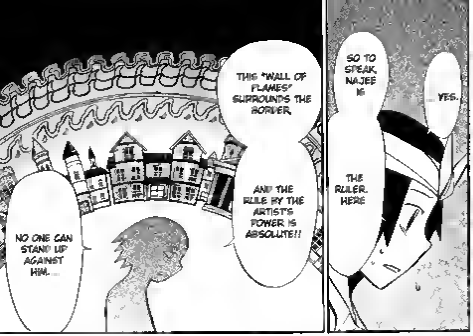
CALLED NAJEE, RIGHT?
THE RINGLEADER IS THIS ARTIST...
AND,


THIS "WALL OF FLAMES" SURROUNDS THE BORDER.
AND THE RULE BY THE ARTIST'S POWER IS ABSOLUTE!!
NO ONE CAN STAND UP AGAINST HIM.
SO TO SPEAK, NAJEE IS
... YES.
THE RULER. HERE
WHAT AN OUTRAGEOUS STORY
TRAPPING PEOPLE IN, RULING OVER OTHERS. THAT'S HOW WHAT AN ARTIST IS SUPPOSED TO DO.
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JUST LIKE ACRO-SAN ...
I WANT TO BECOME AN ARTIST WHEN I GROW UP...
PON!
THAT'S WHY...IT'S A GOOD PLACE TO GET AWAY FROM PRYING EYES.
AND I OFTEN COME TO PRACTICE MY "SKILL" HERE.
THIS WALL, SINCE EVEN ONE THINKS IT'S UNPLEASANT.
NO ONE COMES NEAR IT.

IT'S ALREADY SOMETHING I CAN'T DO...
BUT, WITH ALL THIS

HE'S DOING SOMETHING STRANGE!!
IT LOOKS LIKE HE'S USING THAT PAINT BRUSH!!
IF I'M FOUND OUT
I THINK IT'S JUST A MATTER OF TIME.
IF I LOSE IN "SKILL", ALL OF THE PEOPLE HERE WILL GANG UP ON ME...

BUHUEN
BOH
DECO
THERE'S NO LONGER A PLACE I CAN RUN TO
ZAH...
EVENTUALLY, EVEN NAJEP WILL FIND OUT

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THAT'S WHY I TOLD YOU IT WAS DANGEROUS!!
ACRO-SAN!?
MM-
TUMP
ACHAAH-!!!

I HAVE JUST ONE QUESTION...
BAM
COULD YOU DO AS YOU WANT FREELY?
...THAT NAJEE GUY IS MADE TO BEHAVE,
I...
I DON'T KNOW
HONESTLY...
BUT NOTHING WILL CHANGE WITH HIM HERE...
PECO...
THAT'S WHY...
ABOUT THIS NAJEE THAT NO ONE WILL STAND AGAINST,
YOU SHOWED ME YOUR WILL TO DEFY HIM.
PLEASE!!
CAN'T YOU STOP NAJEE?
WHY WAS THAT?
THA...
THAT IS...

I
JUST CAN'T GIVE UP

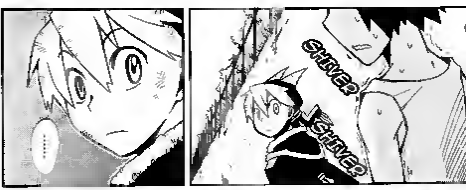
I'M VERY SORRY!!
TO GET ACRO-SAN CAUGHT UP IN SOMETHING BY MY SELFISH BEHAVIOR.
BUT EVEN SO...
I...
PECO

I, TOO
THINGS WILL CHANGE
AS LONG AS YOU HAVE THAT FEELING THAT YOU WON'T GIVE UP
!
DON'T WORRY

KNOW HOW IT IS TO HAVE THAT FEELING.
I'LL DEFEAT THIS GUY CALLED NAJEE.
AND GET RID OF THIS USELESS GOVERN-ING.

WHERE IS
NAJEE RIGHT NOW?

WHOOSH...


SHIVER
SHIVER

EH!!
I DON'T THINK YOU'D BE USEFUL ANYWAYS
I CAN GO ALONE, BUT...
DEGO, IF YOU'RE THAT SCARED,
THUMP

CLENCH
NO!!!
.....
I DON'T KNOW IF MY WORLD WILL CHANGE..
BUT
I SEE
PLEASE LET ME SEE IT THROUGH UNTIL THE END!!!
TREMBLE
AL-RIGHT
THINK, STAY CLOSE TO ME.
ZAH
RI...
RIGHT!!
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BOH
!?
CL NK
BECOME ONE WITH THE SCENERY.

SOH
!?
PEGO!?
WHERE ARE YOU!?
WHAT'S HAPPENED PEGO!!
WELCOME TO MY ATELIER~
WHA...
BAM
!!?

!?
BEAUTY IS A NECESSITY!!
REALLY IN EVERY-THING
HOWEVER, WHILE YOU'RE HERE EVERYTHING MUST BE HANDLED MAGNIFICENTLY.
SHINE...
SHEESH... A BEAUTIFUL MUST ALWAYS BE IN FRONT OF A MIRROR!
I WONDER IF MY HAIR IS STILL IN PLACE?
KUSUR KUSUR
CLOSE
?
GLOW
?
WELCOME !!
TO MY MASTER PIECE!!

ZOZOH
WHA!!?
BAH
SYUON
THUD
!?
DOUH
MAMUT! IT GOT ME.

SPIKE STRIKE
SMASH
MY ARM...
GOT TRACTION IN THE WALL!?
!!?
THIS IS THE PRIDE OF A MAGNIFICENT "SKILL."
ATTACHING 3D BODIES TO A 2D SURFACE AND TRANSFORMING THEM.
MY "MINUS" SHUTTER."
SHINE
15
THIS...
ISN'T IT NICE? THIS SCENE.
KLAK
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ON THAT WALL, AREN'T THOSE...
...PICTURES OF PEOPLE!!
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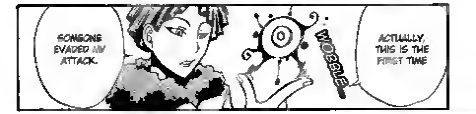
THIS GUY IS MAJOR!!!
"SKILL" !?
HE'S AN ARTIST. THEN THAT MEANS...


SOMEONE EVADED MY ATTACK.
WOOSH
ACTUALLY, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME

IS IT OKAY IF I SHOW YOU
TO MY ADORABLE SUBORDI-NATES?

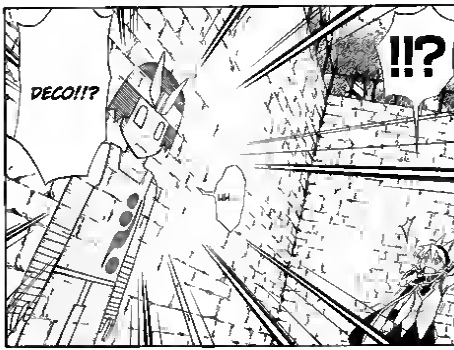
BEATING UP ONE OF MY SUBORDINATES
SHEESH, HOW FOOLISH

I'LL GIVE IT EVERY-THING I'VE GOT.
I WON'T LET YOU DO AS YOU PLEASE!

ANYONE WHO REMAINS SHALL BE LAID BY ME!!
I WON'T LET EVEN ONE OF THEM ESCAPE!!
ALL OF THE PEOPLE IN MY DOMAIN.

TO CALL HIMSELF A ARTIST!?
THIS ISN'T A "SKILL" YOU USE AGAINST HUMANS.
FOR A GUY DOING THIS
GRIND
GRIND
GRIND
GRIND
DAMMIT !!
GRIND

NOW I FINALLY SEE WHAT YOU MEAN.
I'M SORRY WSCO... IT'S JUST AS YOU SAY!!
HERE YOU CAN SEE THE EFFECT OF PEOPLE TESTING THEIR "SKILLS".
IT'S A TESTING SITE!!
HM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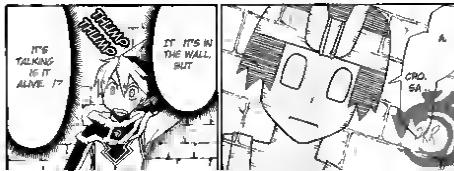
DECO!!?
HM


IT'S TALKING IS IT ALIVE!?
THUMP THUMP
IT IT'S IN THE WALL BUT
A
CRO SA

I DIDN'T GET HIM ALL THE WAY INTO THE FRAME!!
I THINK A VOICE SLIPPED OUT
WHAT'S WITH THIS GUY!
A
C
RO.
YOOOU
WHAT POOR WORK-MANSHIP
!!!
SOON, I'LL HAVE YOU ENTIRELY IMPRINTED!
BUT YOU CAN'T MOVE RIGHT?
WHAT A POWERFUL GUY!!
HAHAH!
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THUUUD
I CAN MOVE!!
PANTING
I'M DOING THIS ...
...THIS AIN'T FUNNY.
THU
UUD
DA SH
WHA.
WHAT IS THIS GUNK--!!!

IF I CHANGE MOTHER, I CAN UP THE SPEED!!
THE FRAME HAS TO BECOME SMALLER...
IT WON'T HIT!?
SHIT!!!
I CAN STILL BREAK IT.....
IT WON'T MATTER HOW MANY TIMES
NICK
I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO HOW THAT GUY WILL HANDLE IT!!!
TO IT!!
21

DECO!!!
GULP
MY ARM MERGE WITH HIM!?
32
!!
BOH...
GRIN
BOTH OF MY ARMS HAVE BEEN CAUGHT!!
RAMA!?
SMACK..

INTEND TO GAIN BY DOING THIS
WHAT DOES AN ARTIST LIKE YOU
AH? USE "SAMA"
SO, YOU'RE NAJEE
WHAT AN INTERESTING QUESTION.
I'M JUST DOING IT TO MAKE MY MASTERPIECE.
TWEAK TWEAK
THIS IS JUST MY POLICY BUT
I CHOOSE THE PEOPLE WHO WILL HAVE THE HONOR OF BEING MY "MODELS"
23
ARE YOU A MORON!!
IN WHAT WAY IS THAT A MASTER-PIECE!!
THAT ISN'T FUN OR INTERESTING AT ALL!!
HAH?
YOUR OPPOSING ME IS GETTING OLD

This scene is intentionally used for reading to help develop your skills.

HASN'T IT ALREADY BEEN 7 YEARS SINCE PEOPLE TALKED LIKE THAT!?
7 YEARS!?
DAMN IT! I UNINTENTIONALLY MADE A STRANGE FACE!!
WELL, EVEN THAT IS STILL BEAUTIFUL
GOT IT? BRAT!!
SINCE THEN, THE VALUE OF AN ARTIST'S WORK HAS DEGRADED
KAH
KAH
KAH
SO WE HAVE TO DEAL WITH NEW "MATERIAL" TO INCREASE IT
CAN YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT IT IS EVEN A LITTLE...?
FOR THIS PIECE OF WORK...
EH...?
KAH...

THE
SOUL
OF
PEOPLE.

THERE ARE THOSE WHO DELIGHT IN BEING CLOSE TO THE GODS
AND THOSE WHO WON'T LISTEN TO ANY OBJEC-TIONS
EACH ARTIST HAS A DIFFERENT REACTION TO THEIR POWER.

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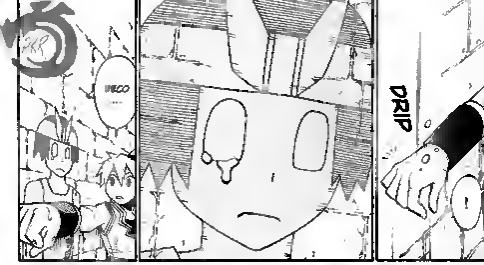
THIS IS THE FORM THAT THIS ERA IS FORMING INTO!!
IN ANY CASE,
THERE ARE GUYS WHO ARE JUST LIKE YOU, NOW!!
ALI KUM
WHY...!?
!!

IF WE WORK WITH SOULS THIS POWER CAN BECOME A WEAPON
AS A RESULT THIS GENIUS WILL BE SOUGHT AFTER, AND IT WILL BE LIKE MONEY IS RAINING DOWN UPON US.
THAT'S ALL THERE IS TO IT

TERROR WILL WIN OUT.
THEY WILL BE FULL OF FEAR SINCE IT CAN EASILY REMEMBER THEM.
EVEN MORE THAN THE JOY THE PEOPLE ARE FILLED WITH.
AND THEY'VE REALIZED IT.
EVENTUALLY, THE FEELINGS IN PEOPLE'S HEARTS...
I'VE COME TO THIS CONCLUSION.
MORE THAN JOY AND AMUSEMENT.....

DON'T FUCK WITH ME!!
AH?
WHAT MAKES YOU THINK...
THAT SOMEONE LIKE YOU CAN GO AS THEY PLEASE?
THEY ARE REALLY STRONG!!
INTERESTING ONES, FUN ONES, AND JOYFUL ONES ARE...
MUCH STRONGER !!

THOSE GUYS WHO GO AFTER THEIR DREAMS...
ARE THE STRONGEST !!!

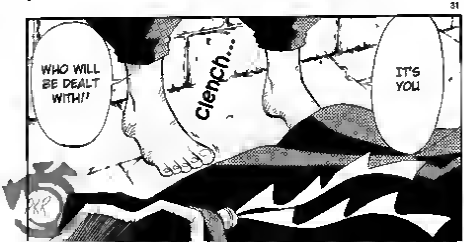

WECO
...
DRIP

DON'T CRY
I'LL FETCHA OUT RIGHT AWAY

AH? WHAT WAS THAT?
ARE STRONG !!
GUYS LIKE THAT

swipe
WHISH
CHIH, I MISSED!!
DAMN
ban

I BETTER HURRY AND DEAL WITH YOU QUICKLY!
TREMBLE
I LET MY GUARD DOWN AND GOT TOO CLOSE!
DAMN IT!


WHO WILL BE DEALT WITH!!
clench...
IT'S YOU

I CAN DO IT. FIGHT?
THE GUYS HERE, TOO; I WILL LIBERATE THEM.
VECO AND ...
HAHAH ...
WHAT BLUFF IS THIS?
I'LL DO THAT AND...
I'LL GETCHA OUT OF THE WALL SOON!!
THAT FACE!!
ROUGH UP ...
32
BECOME PART OF THE SCENERY
MY BEAUTIFUL FACE?
HOW?

IF I TRAP YOU IN THE WALL,
I CAN SHAVE THAT THIN FACE OFF LIKE A HAWK, LITTLE BY LITTLE!!!
GRINDING, AND GRINDING!!!
-Minus D Shatter-!!!

WHAT'S THIS.

!!?
HOHA...

EH!?
JUST BEFORE
IF I GUESSED RIGHT, THIS IS YOU!!...
MOST PRECIOUS OF THE PRECIOUS ...
CRACK

SPLINTER!!!
YOUR MIRROR !!!
EEH !?

MY

ヒーローネーム!!!
ヒーローネーム!!!
ヒーローネーム!!!

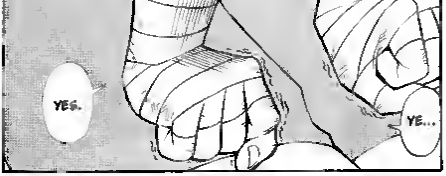
AH...
WITH THE SHARDS OF MY MIRROR
YOU...
RE-FLECT-ED IT
THE TITLE IS
FLIP!
"THE MIRROR MAN'S WHIMSICAL ENTRAPMENT"!!

WITH THIS, I'LL BECOME PART OF MY OWN WORK...
LI...LIKE I'LL RELEASE ANYONE...
HAH?!
CRASH
BEAUTI-FUL
IF YOU DON'T RELEASE THEM,
Crackle
NEXT I'LL SMASH YOUR FACE INTO A FISH.

YAAAAY!!

EH...
WILL THIS
...O?
WITH THIS... SURELY ...!!
STOPPED NAJIBE ...!!
HE... HE REALLY ...

DO WHAT YOU WANT AND GIVE IT YOUR ALL


YES.
YE...

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

FU YO
HAH...
IT'S ONLY MY FIRST DAY HERE AND I ALREADY BEAT UP SOME STRANGE GUY.
THIS PERSON IS AN AMAZING PERSON...
YUYYY
I CAN'T STOP THEM BLING!!

IS WHAT THAT GUY SAID TRUE ?
EH...
HEY, DEGO

7 YEARS AGO "MATERIAL" STARTED TO BECOME ENHANCED BY HUMAN SOULS!!
THAT ARTIST'S HAVE CHANGED FROM THE PAST

AS A KID, I HEARD IT FROM MY TEACHER,
THINGS HAVE REALLY CHANGED SINCE THEN..
...I SEE.
EVEN THOUGH IT'S A PEACEFUL THING TO SAY... PROBABLY, I THINK...
THERE ARE OTHERS WHO THINK LIKE NAJEE.
...YES.

WHO!?
WHO DID ALL OF THIS WHILE I WASN'T AWARE OF IT!!!

WAS PROBABLY INCREASED!
THE PEOPLE I'M SEARCHING FOR.
?

Now hiring!
looking for
staff!